

In the Claims:

- 1.(previously amended)      A hard surface cleaning and/or disinfecting composition which comprises:  
an acid constituent;  
at least one anionic surfactant;  
suspended inclusions which appear as visibly discernible, discrete particulate materials and wherein said inclusions are based on alginate beads;  
a thickener constituent selected from the group consisting of: cellulose, alkyl celluloses, alkoxy celluloses, hydroxy alkyl celluloses, alkyl hydroxy alkyl celluloses, carboxy alkyl celluloses, carboxy alkyl hydroxy alkyl celluloses, cellulose derivatives, xanthan gum, gellan gum and mixtures thereof;  
optionally, at least one further deterative surfactant selected from nonionic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants;  
optionally, at least one organic solvent;  
optionally, one or more constituents for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive compositions; and;  
water.
- 2.(original)      The composition according to claim 1 wherein the acid constituent contains an acid selected from the group consisting of: citric acid, sorbic acid, acetic acid, boric acid, formic acid, maleic acid, adipic acid, lactic acid, malic acid, malonic acid, glycolic acid, and mixtures thereof.
3. (original)      The composition according to claim 2 wherein the acid constituent comprises citric acid.
4. (original)      The composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition comprises an organic solvent.

5. (original) The composition according to claim 4 wherein the organic solvent is selected from alcohols, glycols, water miscible ethers, water miscible glycol ethers, monalkylether esters, and mixtures thereof.
6. (original) The composition according to claim 5 wherein the organic solvent is selected from alcohols, water miscible glycol ethers and mixtures thereof.
7. (original) The composition according to claim 5 wherein the organic solvent is an alcohol.
8. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the compositions exclude added organic solvents.
9. (canceled)
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11. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the majority of the inclusions do not drop more than 7% of their original distance as measured from the bottom of the container in which the inventive composition is present when they have returned to a quiescent state following manual shaking.
12. (original) The composition according to claim 11 wherein the majority of the inclusions do not drop more than 7% of their original distance as measured from the bottom of the container in which the inventive composition is present when they have returned to a quiescent state following manual shaking when measured after 72 hours when left in a quiescent state at room temperature.
13. (original) The composition according to claim 12 wherein the majority of the inclusions do not drop more than 7% of their original distance as measured from

the bottom of the container in which the inventive composition is present when they have returned to a quiescent state following manual shaking when measured after 5 days when left in a quiescent state at room temperature.

14. (original) The composition according to claim 13 wherein the majority of the inclusions do not drop more than 7% of their original distance as measured from the bottom of the container in which the inventive composition is present when they have returned to a quiescent state following manual shaking when measured after 10 days when left in a quiescent state at room temperature.
15. (original) The composition according to claim 14 wherein the majority of the inclusions do not drop more than 7% of their original distance as measured from the bottom of the container in which the inventive composition is present when they have returned to a quiescent state following manual shaking when measured after 14 days when left in a quiescent state at room temperature.
16. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH is from about 1 to about 5.
17. (original) The composition according to claim 16 wherein the pH is from about 1 to about 4.
18. (original) The composition according to claim 17 wherein the pH is from about 1 to about 3.
19. (original) The composition according to claim 1 having a viscosity of from about 750 to about 1500 centipoise, as measured at room temperature on a RVT Brookfield viscometer, spindle #2, at 60 rpm.

20. (original) A hard surface cleaning and/or disinfecting composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against at least one of the following organisms: *Staphylococcus aureus* (gram positive type pathogenic bacteria) (ATCC 6538), *Salmonella choleraesuis* (gram negative type pathogenic bacteria) (ATCC 10708), *Escheria coli* (gram negative type pathogenic bacteria) (ATCC 11229) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 15442) of not more than 1/60 according to the AOAC Use-Dilution Test Method.
21. (original) A method of treating a hard surface comprising applying an effective amount of a composition according to claim 1 to a surface in need of treatment.
- 22.(new) A hard surface cleaning and/or disinfecting composition according to claim 1 wherein:  
the thickener constituent comprises one or more cellulose derivatives selected from ethyl cellulose, hydroxy ethyl cellulose, hydroxy propyl cellulose, carboxy methyl cellulose, carboxy methyl hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxy propyl methyl cellulose, and ethyl hydroxy ethyl cellulose..
- 23.(new) A hard surface cleaning and/or disinfecting composition according to claim 1 whererin the thickener constituent comprises xanthan gum or gellan gum.
- 24.(new) A hard surface cleaning and/or disinfecting composition according to claim 1 wherein the thickener constituent is a mixture of hydroxy ethyl cellulose and xanthan gum or is a mixture of xantham gum and gellan gum.